

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Stowe Performing Arts (SPA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization presenting high-quality musical performances in Stowe; and

WHEREAS, the organization operates under the governance of a volunteer board of directors, employs an executive director, and its many loyal volunteers are essential to SPA's fulfilling its cultural mission; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the organization presented its first summer concerts at the former Whisker's Field on Mountain Road; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, Johannes von Trapp invited SPA to relocate these popular events to a far more inviting venue, the meadow at Trapp Family Lodge, and the move resulted in the birth of the much-loved Music in the Meadow series, probably SPA's most noted musical endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Music in the Meadow starts with the always popular Vermont Symphony Orchestra, and in 2016, the other performances in this series will include the California Honeydrops (funk, R&B, and the blues), Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (jazz, swing, and Dixieland), and, finally, the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, the only SPA events for which patrons are charged are the first three Music in the Meadow performances; and

WHEREAS, a combination of sponsorships and proceeds from the Music in the Meadow concerts funds two wonderful free concert series; and

WHEREAS, Noon Music in May is a series of four concerts performed in the intimate setting of the Stowe Community Church, which houses a restored 1898 Steinway grand piano and a W.B. Simmons tracker organ, and the 2016 schedule features concerts of bluegrass, new tango, classical, and marimba music; and

WHEREAS, the Gazebo Concerts, performed on summer evenings at the Gazebo in front of the Stowe Free Library, in 2016 includes bluegrass-folk, accordion, brass band, and acoustic music; and

WHEREAS, raffle sales support professional musicians performing in the Stowe public schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, SPA is joyfully celebrating its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Stowe Performing Arts has made a significant contribution to the cultural vibrancy of the community for 40 years;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2016 as

STOWE PERFORMING ARTS DAY



in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 25th day of April, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter Shumlin
Governor